

# DSL lowers price of housing in new dormitory after complaints of unfinished wiring, dirty conditions

*Most infrastructural problems have been addressed, though residents' concerns remain*

By Ivory Zhu and Aishwarya Anantharaman

The Division of Student Life dropped the pricing of the new undergraduate residence at 99 Bay State Road in Boston from a Tier 2 dorm to a Tier 3 dorm after facing overwhelming resident concerns about living conditions. The change will save residents \$470 per semester.

At the start of fall semester, occupants of the new residence hall, which was allocated to previous members of New House 3 due to New House's renovation, reported a number of issues with their new living space. Since then, the Division of Student Life has been working on improving the conditions, but the process is "slower than expected," resident Jingxuan Fan '20 wrote in an email to The Tech Wednesday.

Some international transfer students were also assigned housing at 99 Bay State Road. The residence previously housed MIT's Lambda Chi Alpha chapter until it was suspended for five years in 2014.

International student Kun Lin '20, who moved from 99 Bay State to Alpha Delta Phi due to the disappointing living conditions in the former, wrote in an email to The Tech Sept.

11 that when she emailed Jennifer Hapgood-White, associate director of housing assignments for DSL, about issues like the lack of light, electricity, hot water, and door locks, her concerns were met with a casual "we'll look into that."

"The walls and floor were really dirty and all the furnitures were aged and dusty. The whole building appears to be still under construction, with scaffolding and other raw construction materials lying around," Lin added. "The strong odor of paint and dust in the building had also triggered my allergic rhinitis, so I spent the first night in Boston sneezing and wasn't able to get a good rest at all."

Unlike other MIT dorms, 99 Bay State did not have Athena clusters or printers, MedLinks, or graduate resident advisors (GRAs) to consult, The Tech observed during a Sept. 12 visit.

"Though it is a dorm opened this year, we still expected it to be well prepared before we moved in, but it was not the case," Fan wrote.

Throughout September, residents argued for their rights by contacting maintenance and the MIT Housing Office, and the DSL made efforts to improve the situation. Hapgood-White wrote in an email to The Tech Wednesday that "Housing is grate-

ful for 99 Bay State Road residents' patience as work requests are completed and the living experience is brought up to student expectations."

Regarding the unfinished maintenance work, Hapgood-White wrote that "with the exception of new carpeting on the stairways, all major work is done at this time ... The stairway carpeting will be replaced soon, and dust mitigation will take place during the installation."

She added that "jacks are being wired by IS&T today [Sept. 27] and the printer cluster should be operational this week ... The search for a graduate resident advisor is underway, and residents will be involved in the interview process. The position is expected to be filled by mid-October."

Fan confirmed that for her room, door locks were renewed, and mouse traps were provided.

As yet unaddressed issues include poor kitchen conditions — "the refrigerators are basically made from the trays for baking cookies which looks really primitive," Fan wrote.

"Facilities is working to add the residence to Atlas's work order system," Hapgood-White wrote. "In the meantime, residents can submit issues to 99baystaterepairs@mit.edu."

## IN SHORT

**Career Fair** is today from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Johnson Athletic Center. Good luck with internship and job searches!

**Buses will replace Red Line service** between Park Street and Kendall/MIT stations on weekends beginning Friday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Dec. 21 due to the Longfellow Bridge Project.

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**Add date is next Friday, Oct. 6.** Remember to check your registration on WebSIS.

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The former Lambda Chi Alpha chapter house now serves as housing for the displaced residents of New House.

## REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

# Reflecting on Noam Chomsky's illustrious sixty-six years at MIT

*Linguistics legend to move to University of Arizona, shares image of the 'challenging, vibrant' MIT of his earliest days*

By Fiona Chen and Whitney Zhang

MIT Professor Emeritus of Linguistics Noam Chomsky recently joined the University of Arizona as a laureate professor in the Department of Linguistics and the Agnese Nelms Haury Chair in the Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice. The Tech corresponded with Professor Chomsky over email and sat down with the Head of the Linguistics and Philosophy Department David Pesetsky for an interview earlier this September to

talk about Chomsky's MIT experience and legacy.

If you walked into Noam Chomsky's former Thursday afternoon linguistics class, you would have found a crowd of over 200 people, comprised not only of the ten to twenty MIT students enrolled in the class, but also curious students from other departments and established academics from other schools, Pesetsky recalled. Linguistics professors would plan their travels around these lectures, making sure to include a half-day stop in Boston while flying across the globe. Those Thursday afternoon

classes were not your average college seminars — they were hubs for intellectual activity.

Chomsky first arrived in September 1951, as a graduate student at the Harvard Society of Fellows. Chomsky described his initial exposure to MIT's intellectual atmosphere as "challenging, vibrant, with lively interchanges among researchers in a variety of disciplines" and building 20 as "a marvel of excitement and interaction."

Here, Chomsky met Halle, a professor in the linguistics depart-

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Rick & Morty is so popular, it became a real life security risk.

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**WEATHER**

## Colder weather ahead

**By Erik Lindgren**  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

We have experienced unseasonably warm weather this week, and Wednesday's high of 86°F was the highest September 27 temperature ever recorded in Boston. However, the temperatures started dropping after a cold front from the northwest passed over us on Thursday. Tropical storm (formerly hurricane) Maria will be passing to our southeast during Thursday and Friday, but the storm will be too far away to affect us with any strong winds or rain. The rain that

we can expect on Saturday is instead coming from the northwest, where another incoming cold front will bring along a minor low pressure system. Expect light showers on Friday night and during Saturday. After the passage of this low pressure system we can expect several days of mostly clear skies, when we will be under a large high pressure system ranging from Maine to the Carolinas in latitude and from the coast to the Great Lakes in longitude. This will likely bring temperatures around 70°F and plenty of sun during Monday through Wednesday.

### Extended Forecast

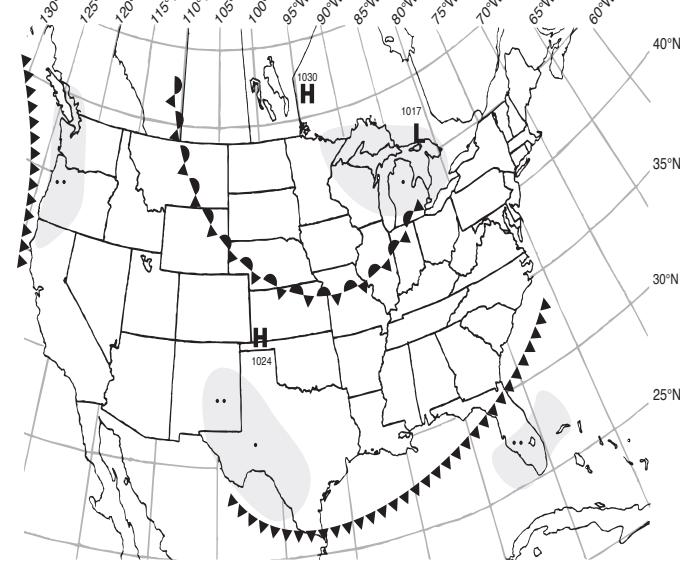
**Today:** Sunny. High 67°F (19°C). Northerly winds at 5-10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear then chance of showers. Low 50°F (10°C). Easterly winds below 5 mph.

**Tomorrow:** Rain likely. High 57°F (14°C). Winds NE at around 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny. High 67°F (19°C).

**Monday:** Sunny. High 68°F (20°C).



**Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Friday, September 29, 2017**

Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
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<b>L</b> Low Pressure	▲▲▲ Warm Front	Rain	Thunderstorm
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Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and *The Tech*

# White House lifts restrictions on shipments to Puerto Rico amid crisis and criticism

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Security spokesman. The waiver will be in effect for 10 days.

Here's a brief guide to the law, why Puerto Rico wanted it waived, and where the disaster relief effort stands.

— What is the state of disaster relief in Puerto Rico?

Rosselló and federal officials on Thursday said that more fuel, food and flights were beginning to reach the island. Increasingly desperate people have spent hours lining up outside grocery stores, banks and gas stations, only to sometimes leave with nothing.

Amid widespread shortages of basic necessities, Rosselló and federal officials said they were setting up 11 regional centers to distribute aid to devastated towns that were all but cut off from the outside.

Federal officials said these centers had received 2 million liters of water and almost 1 million meals, and more was in the pipeline. A main challenge has been getting supplies out of Puerto Rico's ports and to people who need food and water.

Rosselló said that 689 of Puerto Rico's 1,100 gas stations were open, but lines at many still stretch for a quarter-mile and people spend entire days to fill up a few plastic jugs with fuel for their cars or generators. He said more fuel was arriving, and officials were working to get truckers to transport fuel and other supplies.

— What is the Jones Act?

The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, known as the Jones Act, requires goods shipped between points in the United States to be carried by vessels built, owned and (mostly) operated by Americans.

Its goals were twofold. First, it was intended to support a national maritime indus-

try that could mobilize for war or a national emergency. Second, it was intended to protect American control over local waterborne commerce.

Those opposed to the act have long included officials and allies of Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico, who say that the law increases shipping costs for goods from the mainland, which are then passed on to consumers. Its supporters include pro-defense groups and members of the domestic shipping industry whose interests it protects.

Some criticized calls for the suspension, arguing that it was not clear how much good it would do and that delivery delays were being caused by problems moving goods inland, not importing them.

— Why did Puerto Ricans want a waiver?

In a Monday letter to the head of the Department of Homeland Security, eight members of Congress asked for a temporary waiver of the act, arguing that lifting it would expand access to food, medicine, clothing, building supplies and oil needed for power plants.

"Puerto Rico can't borrow funds and they are required to use American shipping only, which is the most expensive in the world. In their hour of need, Washington can help by suspending the Jones Act," one of the letter's signatories, Rep. Luis V. Gutiérrez, D-Ill., said in a statement at the time.

A day later, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., voiced his support for the effort.

"It is unacceptable to force the people of Puerto Rico to pay at least twice as much for food, clean drinking water, supplies and infrastructure due to Jones Act requirements as they work to recover from this disaster," he said Tuesday.

McCain, long an advocate for repealing the law, most recently advanced legislation to do so in July. He renewed his call for repeal

Thursday after the waiver was announced.

— How are waivers granted?

Waivers are issued by the Department of Homeland Security, typically at the request of shippers unable to find U.S. vessels to shuttle their cargo or at the request of other federal agencies.

A waiver can be granted only if it is in the interest of national defense and only if there are enough United States vessels available to meet national defense needs. Shipping costs or humanitarian needs are not part of the consideration, officials said.

Alternatively, a request in the interest of national security may be granted automatically if it comes from the secretary of defense.

— When was the last waiver?

The Jones Act was most recently waived weeks ago, in response to hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

On Sept. 8, Duke granted a temporary waiver at the request of the departments of Defense and Energy.

That decision, she said, would make it easier to ship petroleum products, including gas, diesel and jet fuel, from New York, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Texas, to Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Puerto Rico. The one-week waiver was ultimately extended through Sept. 22.

That waiver was granted about two weeks after Harvey first made landfall and just days after Hurricane Irma clobbered the Caribbean. Thursday's waiver was issued eight days after Hurricane Maria first made landfall in Puerto Rico.

Before that, a waiver had not been issued since December 2012, when one was granted to ease the delivery of petroleum products after Hurricane Sandy, according to the department.

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# 'It was Chomsky's personality that made him a great professor'

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ment, who became Chomsky's "very close friend and colleague." After Chomsky graduated and attained his position as a professor, the two shared an office at the Modern Language Department and Research Laboratory of Electronics.

Chomsky worked with Halle to establish the modern linguistics department. In the past, Pesetsky said, "[linguistics] was [a] sort of traditional 19th century humanities discipline. So students would learn what ... their elders and betters had said and pass exams on it and eventually be allowed to do some work." But to Chomsky and Halle, "the students ... were researchers. They were here to find out how something interesting — namely the human capacity for language — works."

Chomsky lectured and wrote on linguistics, cognitive science, philosophy, social issues, and international affairs, publishing over 100 books. He is credited with founding the

modern discipline of linguistics and greatly contributed to the rise of cognitive science by arguing that behaviorism's prioritization of social conditioning in human development is inadequate in explaining language acquisition. Instead, he developed the universal grammar theory, which states that all humans have an innate structural sense of language. Chomsky's political activism has included criticism of US imperialism, neoliberalism, crony capitalism, and the news media.

But more than just his expertise, it was Chomsky's personality that made him a great professor, Pesetsky said. He described Chomsky as having taken everyone around him seriously and engaging substantively with their ideas, no matter if they were a senior professor or a high school student.

Despite receiving offers from numerous major universities over the years, Chomsky never thought about leaving what he called "a very special place." On the uniqueness of MIT he wrote, "There's the sense of excitement at

being so close to the cutting edge of inquiry and discovery in many domains, heightened by the culture of close interaction among faculty and students and across disciplines, with the common goal of seeking to understand the world and its problems, and to unravel its many mysteries."

Chomsky will now bring his expertise and personality to Tucson, Arizona, having recently joined the University of Arizona faculty as a laureate professor in the Department of Linguistics and the Agnese Nelms Haury Chair in the Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice. He has intermittently taught seminar courses and given lectures at the University of Arizona over the years, and will begin regularly teaching in Spring 2018.

Pesetsky emphasized that Chomsky is not "leaving" MIT for the University of Arizona, as many other news outlets have claimed. Even though Chomsky has accepted these new positions, he will retain his office and his position as Professor of Linguistics emeritus at MIT. So

while students may no longer see him casually strolling around Boston, he will still return for occasional lectures and continue interacting with the MIT community, as he has done since he retired in 2002.

On his legacy, Chomsky mused, "That's really for others to determine. Looking back, it is extremely gratifying to see how the program that Morris and I established has flourished, not only right here, where it continues to be recognized as the peak of the profession, but elsewhere too as former students, and their students, have forged ahead in many ways that we could hardly even have imagined in the early days. It has also been very gratifying to have been able to take part in the activism of the 1960s and the years that followed, which changed the general atmosphere of the Institute substantially, with lasting and expanding effects, part of a civilizing impact on the whole society. Lots to be done, needless to say, and issues of truly existential significance to confront. But from a standpoint that did not exist before."

## Tampa police shut down 'Rick & Morty' Rickmobile event due to enormous turnout

By Sara Dinatale  
TAMPA BAY TIMES

TAMPA — More than 1,500 fans of the definitely-not-for-little-kids cartoon Rick and Morty overtook a bar and its Waters Avenue neighborhood Wednesday night, creating such a big crowd that the event was riggity riggity wrecked when Tampa police officers and organizers had to end it early.

Rick and Morty is an animated science fiction comedy about the interdimensional adventures of depraved scientist Rick (riggity riggity wrecked is his way of saying something has gone wrong) and his anxious grandson Morty, a cult hit for Cartoon Network.

The "Rickmobile" — a truck bearing Rick's likeness — has been taking a road trip across the country, opening its popup shop with exclusive merchandise and gear in different cities.

Wednesday was Tampa's turn. And the event was about as chaotic as an episode of Rick and Morty: Fans parked on lawns, littered and drank outside designated areas, ignoring instructions from the tavern and police.

Lowry Parcade & Tavern co-owner Cliff Stevenson, a huge fan of the show, said he's sympathetic to those who were turned away.

"We did everything we could," he said Thursday. "The line was simply more than was expected from both parties and what we could handle."

The bar's other owner, Robert Leonard, said the bar itself reached capacity by 6 p.m. So workers could only let people in as others left, creating another line.

"Between the poor setup, the lack of parking, the lack of places to stand, and the obvious lack of organization — no wonder it was shut down," said attendee Jon Lee, 30, of Temple Terrace.

Lines to see the Rickmobile, buy merchandise and enter the Parcade, 1213 W Waters Ave.,

snaked through the neighborhood. Lee said when people in line stood on the grass, neighbors were upset, but when they were in the street, the off-duty officers hired to monitor the event told them to move.

The waiting line had to be capped at 1,500 people — which happened at about 5:30 p.m. But that didn't stop hundreds more from showing up, Lee said.

The Parcade opened at 3 p.m. and the truck was scheduled to begin sales at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Lee said he got in line to see the Rickmobile and buy his gear by 4:15 p.m. Worried about the line, the truck started selling merchandise early, at 4:30 p.m.

Then around 7:30 p.m., police stopped the sale and told people to leave. The bar owners said the decision to close was a joint one.

Lee said it should have been held at a bigger venue that could accommodate the massive crowd that turned up to celebrate the show. His partner even spent the day under the hot sun in an elaborate Mr. Meeseeks costume so people probably assumed he was a Rickmobile employee.

The owners welcome anyone disappointed and in need of hugs (or beer) to come back on Sunday nights. That's Rick and Morty night, where they watch the show from 11 p.m. to midnight.

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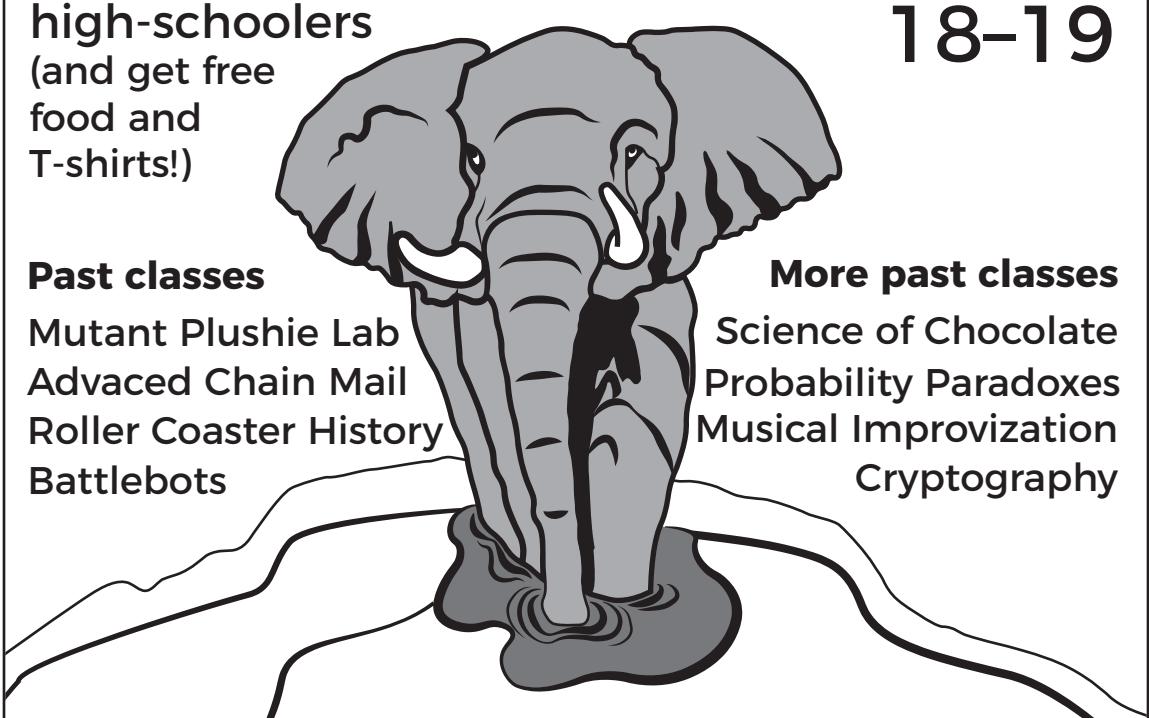
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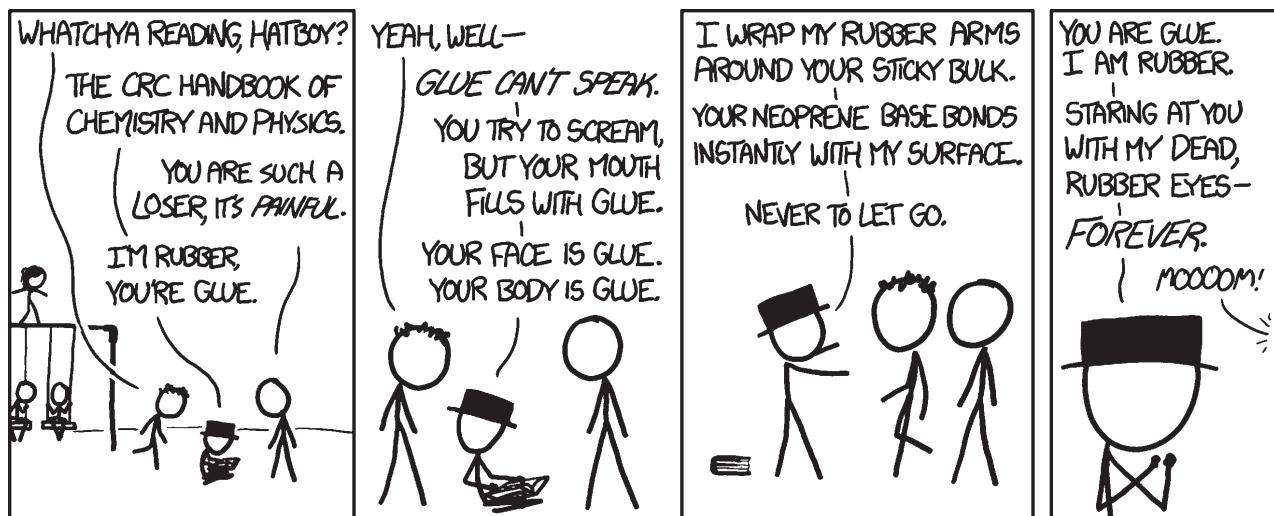








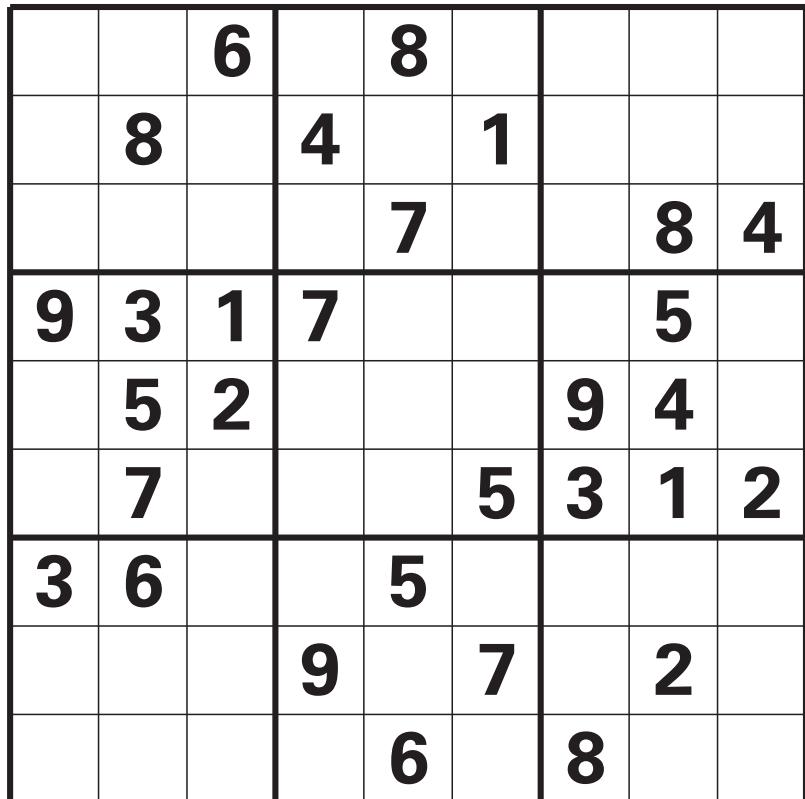
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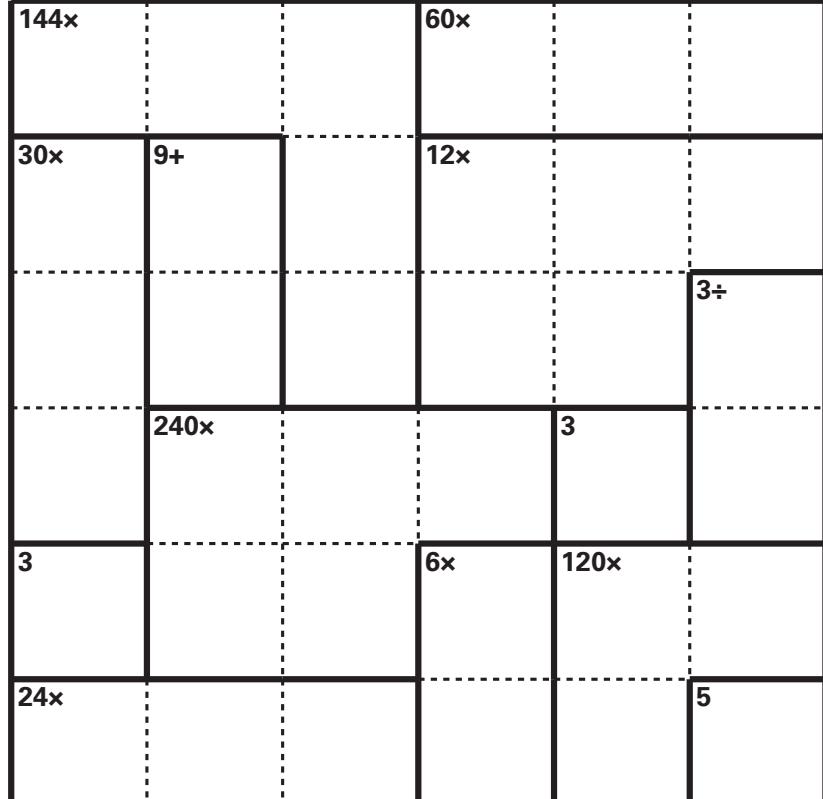
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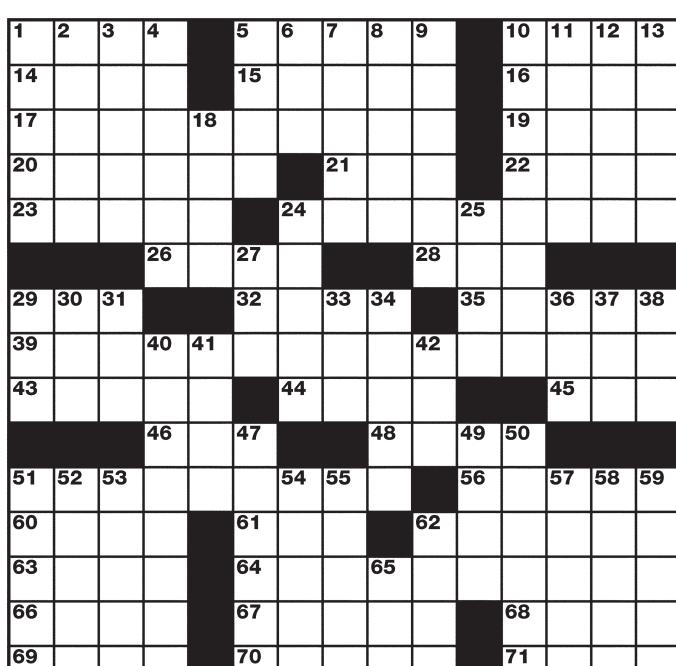
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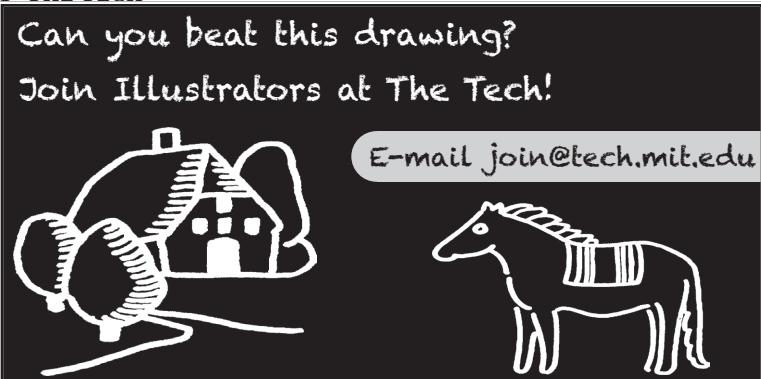
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